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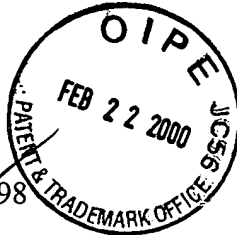
FOR: Collimated and Long Throw Magnetron
Sputtering of Nickel/Iron Films for
Magnetic Recording Head Applications

GROUP ART UNIT: 1753

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 2, line 29, please replace “through” with --throw--.

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IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Amended) An apparatus for depositing a magnetic film, comprising:
a sputtering chamber containing a target, a substrate support having a surface that is separated from the target, and a grounded collimator positioned between the target and the substrate support; and
a magnet array disposed within the chamber to form a substantially parallel magnetic field at the surface of the substrate support.
2. (Amended) The apparatus of claim [2] 1, wherein the target comprises a material that retains magnetic properties when deposited on the surface of [the] a substrate.